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**Patent Documents**

1. United States Patent No. 2,568,046 (Wilkinson), issued September 18, 1951;
2. United States Patent No. 2,929,539 (Safreno), issued March 22, 1960;
3. United States Patent No. 3,856,192 (Nelson), issued December 24, 1974;
4. United States Patent No. 4,079,987 (Bumgardener), issued March 21, 1978;

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5. United States Patent No. 4,101,159 (Stewart), issued July 18, 1978;
6. United States Patent No. 4,674,789 (Watjer et al.), issued June 23, 1987;
7. United States Patent No. 4, 717,193 (Noriega), issued January 5, 1988;
8. United States Patent No. 4,783,110 (Beukema et al.), issued November 8, 1988;
9. United States Patent No. 4,867,498 (Delphia et al.), issued September 19, 1989;
- and
10. United States Patent No. 5,050,922 (Falcoff), issued September 24, 1991.

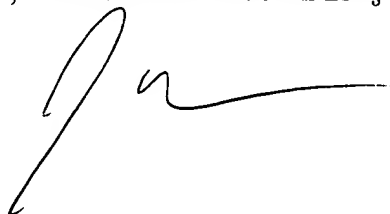
**Other Documents**

11. Advertisement for "Automotive Accessories Connection: Shelf-it Overhead Storage Shelf," available on the internet at  
<<http://www.accessconnect.com/shelfit.htm>>, printed as pp. 1-4 (date unknown, but as early as April 4, 2001).
12. Advertisement for "Savanna Jones Accessories: Shelf-it", available on the internet at <<http://www.savannajones.com/Shelf-It.htm>>, printed as pp. 1-3 (date unknown, but as early as April 4, 2001).

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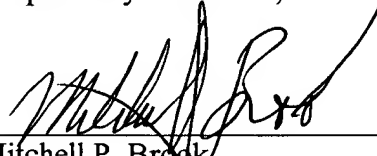
A copy of the above-listed documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), are enclosed.

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